



Environmental Resources: Staying Green

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To do our part in keeping Charles County a beautiful place to live, work, and play, Charles County Government offers many environmentally-friendly programs throughout the year.

One way you can be actively involved in reducing litter's impact on the environment is by taking advantage of our recycling program and centers. Visit our four recycling centers at Breeze Farm (15950 Cobb Island Road, Cobb Island); Charles County Landfill (12305 Billingsley Road, Waldorf); Gilbert Run Park (13140 Charles Street, Charlotte Hall); and Pisgah Recycling Centers (6645 Mason Springs Road, Pisgah).

Another way to get involved is signing up for the new Charles County Recycles mobile app. The free app provides recycling and yard waste collection schedules, a service issue reporting feature, and an option to search for what items can be recycled or placed in your trash. If you don't have a smartphone, visit the Waste Wizard, an online portal that allows you determine which materials can be reused, recycled, composted, or disposed. Simply visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/Recycling, type in your item, click search, and the Waste Wizard will tell you whether the item should go in recycling or trash.

Make your home more eco-friendly by participating in the upcoming Community Shred Event. During this event, you can

take advantage of free, secure, on-site document shredding and recycling; and learn about composting and rain barrels. Residents can bring up to five paper boxes (per vehicle) of personal documents to shred. Advance registration is required for compost and rain barrel workshops. For the next Shred Event date, to register, or for more information, visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/Outreach.

The county also offers Yard Waste Collection during the year from April to December. During these months, we remind you to consider "grasscycling," which means leaving grass clippings in your lawn to feed the soil. This saves time—as you no longer need to collect, bag, and dispose of your clippings—and is good for your lawn. Grasscycling reduces waste, irrigation, and fertilizer needs; it also makes your lawn greener and healthier. If you must bag clippings, be green. Only paper bags are accepted in curbside yard waste collection. Weekly collection of yard waste is available the same day of the week as the "every-other-week" recycling collection to areas that receive recycling collection.

To avoid polluting the environment with leftover household products with corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients, bring hazardous items to Household Hazardous Waste Collection days, which are held several times a year at the Department of Public Works building parking lot (10430 Audie Lane, La Plata). Upcoming dates can be found on our [website](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov).

For information on all Environmental Resources programs, visit our [website](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov) or call 301-932-5656. Thank you in advance for your help keeping Charles County beautiful!

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